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6/29/72 Demo bugging clips with your 6/23: strange as it may seem, this includes what did not appear here and even strange, from the wire. If there has been any mention of Al Wong, for example, or the alleged Secret Service recommendation of McCord, I have not seen it, not heard of it, and I think I would have. Today the Post had no mention at all. It is apparent that despite the space they have given the story, despite the apparent effort that went into it, they early decided that interests above news had to be served. If I do not suggest any conference at which such a decision was made, the reporting and the lack of it, with the size of their staff, their attitude toward such subjects and the amd., and their failure to explore the onvious even after they knew about it provoke wonder. Pretty much is true of the Szulc-Times jobs, far from what they could have been. In ach case, don't Remember the Maine: Remember The Bay of Pigs. ...Interesting that AP checked campaign-fund filings so soon and reported them in inadequate detail or accepted inadequate breakdown. Wonder if they had a tip and if so, from whom?...Seeing things afterward, that is, second time, is sometimes jolly. Hoppe could have done well with Ziegler's opening, that the President wouldn't get involved, for all the world as though he isn't, then calling it a "third-rate burglary", from which he progressed to ~~x~~ "second-rate activities". Next step, first-rate Nixon?....Something familiar about McCord's face, from the pix...Post hasn't yet returned my (only copy) police mug shot Duarte, after two weeks +....This whole ridicule bit is a bit too much...And the journalistic avoidance of noting that people like Suarez lied?...With the passing of time the possibility that any reporting on this out there will be of more value to me increases, if it ads to the past reporting. With the Post's quitting, if it ever really started, its avpidances, now even Von Hoffman's deprecation, the chances of their reporting anything at all gets slimmer and slimmer, while the significance of what might be reported should be greater. The shock is over and cushioned, as in the hiding of the true identities of the Bay Pigs personnel. H